

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL LAHORE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1274  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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1. CURFEW, STRICTLY ENFORCED BY ARMY, WAS LIFTED IN LAHORE FROM 1330 TO 1530 HOURS MAY 13 TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO OFFER SABBATH PRAYERS. FROM 1600 HOURS PERSONS AND CARS WITH PASSES WERE ALLOWED TO CIRCULATE, IN CONTRAST TO THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION EARLIER IN DAY. LAW AND ORDER SITUATION BY AND LARGE REMAINED NORMAL. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS REPORTED THAT SIX PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN OLD CITY FOR STAGING AN UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY.

2. ELSEWHERE IN CONSULAR DISTRICT, THINGS WERE NOT SO PEACEFUL. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PRESS RELEASE ISSUED FRIDAY NIGHT (MAY 13), FOUR OPPOSITION PROCESSIONS WERE HELD IN MULTAN TO OBSERVE PROTEST DAY. MAIN PROCESSION CLASHED WITH POLICE, ATTACKING THEM WITH "EXPLOSIVES." WHEN POLICE RESORTED TO TEAR GASSING AND LATHI CHARGES TO  
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BREAK PROCESSION UP, CROWD REPORTEDLY OPENED FIRE. COPS SHOT BACK, LEAVING TOTAL OF TWO DEAD AND THREE WOUNDED. THAT EVENING DEMONSTRATORS SET FIRE TO A "LADY WORKER'S" (PPP?) HOUSE, WHICH WAS COMPLETELY GUTTED WHEN FIRE TRUCKS WERE PREVENTED FROM REACHING SCENE. IN SHEIKHUPURA, A PPP AND PNA TOOK OUT RIVAL PROCESSIONS WHICH LED TO AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE. NINE WERE REPORTED WOUNDED AND POLICE MADE

A NUMBER OF ARRESTS. PEACEFUL PNA DEMONSTRATIONS WERE  
HELD IN A NUMBER OF OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS.

3. MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES LIFTED CURFEW IN DOWNTOWN  
LAHORE MAY 14 FROM 0300 TO 1400 HOURS, LONGEST BREAK SINCE  
IN WAS IMPOSED A WEEK AGO. AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED STEP WAS  
TAKEN IN VIEW OF HARDSHIPS WHICH LAW ABBIDING CITIZENS HAVE  
BEEN FACING, BUT WARNED THAT CURFEW WOULD BE REIMPOSED  
IMMEDIATELY IF "ANTI-SOCIAL" ELEMENTS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF RELAXATION TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

4. DESPITE BHUTTO'S OFFER TO HOLD A REFERENDUM, LAW AND  
ORDER SITUATION REMAINS TENUOUS AND FURTHER VIOLENCE COULD  
BREAK OUT AT ANYTIME.  
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